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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 8 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on the situation in South Lebanon, issued in Lisbon and Brussels on 27 May 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly under item 35, entitled: "The situation in the Middle East", as listed in the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Fernando REINO
Permanent Representative

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Annex

STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON

[Original: English and French]

The Community and its member States express their grave concern at the recent worsening of the situation in South Lebanon. They strongly reiterate their condemnation of all acts of violence in the region, whatever their origin. Such acts of violence have already led to the loss of the lives of innocent civilians and those of United Nations personnel in the area and threaten to undermine the Middle East peace process, as well as the authority of the newly installed Lebanese Government. Bearing this in mind, the Community and its member States appeal to the parties involved to refrain from any military actions and to respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Lebanon, in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolution 425 (1978), which should be fully implemented.